

Attorney Sought In Quentin Escape Try

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Authorities searched Monday for a young attorney who they said left San Quentin Prison minutes before an escape attempt which prison officials said was engineered by Soledad Brother George Jackson. Three guards, two white inmates and

Jackson died in the violence. Marin County Dist. Atty. Bruce Bates said he had asked Berkeley and Oakland police to look for Stephen Mitchell Bingham, 29, the last person to visit Jackson.

San Quentin business manager Irwin Ritter said Bingham was accompanied to the prison Saturday by an unidentified woman who did not visit Jackson but waited outside the prison gates. Ritter said: "She might have gotten turned away."

Ritter said Bingham was searched and walked through a metal detector.

Associate Warden James Park said guards opened Bingham's briefcase and went through it but did not open a small tape recorder inside.

Park told a news conference he believed "the gun was brought in a tape recorder."

The 9mm foreign-made automatic first was discovered in Jackson's Afro-style hairdo, Park said, by a correctional officer shortly after Jackson returned to the maximum security Adjustment Center from visiting Bingham.

Prison officials said Jackson had engineered an elaborate escape plot through a former cellmate and that his two sisters—Penny Jackson and Delora Ward — two nephews and a niece had gone through a "dry run" on Aug. 1.

During the so-called "dry run," San Quentin officials said they found a cap pistol in a holster taped to the inside thigh of Jackson's 12-year-old nephew and concealed toy pistols in holsters hidden in the clothing of his 10-year-old niece and 5-year-old nephew.